

July 14, 2008

Ron Littlefield, Mayor
City of Chattanooga
City Hall
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Mayor Littlefield:

For the past 7 ½ years in my position of City Court Clerk for the City of Chattanooga, I have tried always tried to project an image of respect and dignity for the Office and the City Chattanooga.

Unfortunately, because of some inappropriate decisions, I must resign my position as City Court Clerk, effective August 1, 2008. I do not want my decisions to reflect negative on the position or the City of Chattanooga.

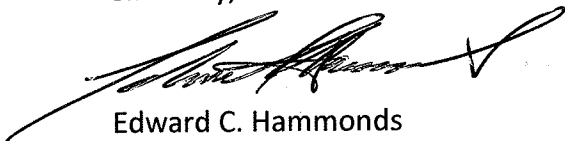
I offer my sincere apologizes to you, the Council, my staff and citizens of Chattanooga for having misrepresented your trust.

To my family and friends, I truly and deeply appreciate your love, support, concerns and prayers which have been expressed toward me over the past few days.

I wake every morning thanking God for blessing me with another day of life knowing that He will see me through whatever the day holds, my better days out number my bad ones but even with a bad day God's blessings are more than enough to sustain me.

I thank you for the privilege and opportunity for having known and worked for you. May God's blessings continue to be upon my hometown, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward C. Hammonds', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Edward C. Hammonds
City Court Clerk